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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

{ L.S. } *To the inhabitants of the town of Cornish qualified to vote in town affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house on the second Tuesday, being the ninth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose by ballot and major vote a Town Clerk.

2. To choose three selectmen and all necessary Town officers and Agents for the ensuing year.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

4. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for repairs of highways and bridges in addition to that required by law.

5. To see if the town will vote to dispense with the services of a liquor agent for the ensuing year.

6. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen not to deliver the blank invoice bills until the first of April, agreeable to Chapter 57, Section 7, of the Public Statutes.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise fifty dollars for Memorial Day.

8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for librarians.

9. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of one hundred dollars for the repairs of cemeteries.

10. To see what action the town will take in regard to making up any deficiency in the interest of the Foss fund and raise money therefor.

11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate towards forwarding the publication of the Town History.

12. To see what action the town will take in regard to accepting the offer of C. C. Beaman in regard to repairing the highway, commencing at his North gate and leading South.

13. To hear the reports of officers, agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote in relation thereto.

14. To transact any other business thought proper when met.

Given under our hands and seal this, 20th day of February, A. D. 1897.

EDGAR A. CHURCHILL,
FRANK C. JACKSON,
WILLIAM W. BALLOCH,
} Selectmen of Cornish.

A true copy of Warrant.

EDGAR A. CHURCHILL,
FRANK C. JACKSON,
WILLIAM W. BALLOCH,
} Selectmen of Cornish.

Selectmen's Report.

Inventory of the town taken April 1st, 1896.

No. of Polls, 223		$ 22 300 00
Real Estate,		369 504 00
326 Horses		16 410 00
2 Mules,		300 00
64 Oxen,		3 234 00
815 Cows,		18 688 00
14 Neat cattle,		476 00
399 Sheep,		686 00
6 Hogs,		60 00
3 Carriages,		150 00
Stock in banks,		7 878 00
Money at interest,		11 108 00
Stock in trade,		7 450 00
Toll bridge,		10 000 00
Mills,		4 900 00
	$473 144 00	

Rate of taxation on each hundred dollars was $1.55.

AMOUNT OF TAXES ASSESSED.

The amount of tax required by law and by vote of the town, is as follows:

State tax,		$ 985 00
County tax,		1 281 91
Schools,		1 285 00
Town charges,		1 000 00
Highway tax,		2 365 72
Memorial Day,		40 00
Library,		59 10
Cemeteries,		100 00
To make up deficiencies in interest on Foss fund,		69 50
District repair fund,		100 00
Percentage on above,		47 13
	$7 333 36	

The selectmen have received and paid into the treasury the following additional sums:

From the state railroad tax,		$145 55
" savings bank, "		423 12
" Interest on literary fund,		123 90
" County support of paupers,		748 02
" " " of soldiers and dependents,		177 04
For bounty on hawks,		3 75
	$ 1 621 38	
	$ 8 954 74	

The Selectmen have drawn orders on the treasury as follows:

For the support of schools,	$ 1 325 00	
For support of soldiers and dependents,		
Julius Terry,		$ 42 25
Franklin Burbank,		193 54
	$ 235 79	
For support of county paupers,		
Caroline Jackson,		$ 169 64
William F. Terry,		23 39
Willie Goodwin,		52 00
Jennie Small and children,		97 14
Clarissa Davis,		87 50
Elihu Russell,		65 65
Funeral expenses child of Mary Sargent,		9 00
Sophia Martindale,		84 50
Mary Marcotte,		60 00
Transient,		26 05
	$ 674 87	
For support of town paupers,		
John Butman,		$ 179 93
Mrs. S. M. Greene,		67 00
	$ 246 93	
For support of highways,	2 319 26	
For sewer on Cornish Flat,	301 80	

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

J. W. Pierce, watering trough, 1895,	$ 2 00
Edwin G. Kenyon, cleaning Town house,	1 25
Fay, Thompson & Fay, printing reports,	42 00
H. W. Parker, retaining fee,	15 00
Ira Colby, " "	15 00

Wm. E. Young, watering trough,	3 00
F. M. Spaulding, mattresses and blankets for lockup,	6 00
Freeman & O'Neil, doors, windows and blinds, for lockup,	15 40
Wm. H. Sisson, wood for Record building,	2 50
Paul Davidson, blank books,	8 27
George W. Hunt and E. B. Hunt, deficiency in Foss fund, 1895,	69 50
Geo. W. Hunt, Library,	59 10
W. W. Balloch, expenses in road case,	13 00
Edgar A. Churchill, time and expenses to Newport,	2 50
Dora B. Deming, stamping blanks,	2 00
M. M. Howard, painting Record building	11 20
S. Richardson, tax bills,	1 00
" for Memorial Day,	40 00
Frank C. Jackson, repairing guide boards,	1 43
Wm. H. Sisson, Insurance, Town house,	17 50
" " school "	16 00
" blankets for lockup,	4 60
H. W. Parker, cash paid clerk of court,	3 20
E. A. Churchill, time and expenses to Claremont 3 times	6 00
Frank C. Jackson, " " twice	4 00
Wm. W. Balloch, moving Mrs. Smith and family to County farm,	3 00
Wm. H. Child, school supplies,	60 37
Selectmen, running line, Plainfield and Cornish,	11 25
Wm. W. Balloch, drawing slate for Town house,	11 40
Geo. E. Fairbanks, stocking brooks with trout,	3 00
Geo. C. Huggins, labor on lockup,	75
Geo. T. Stockwell, slating Town house,	169 00
E. A. Churchill, time and expense to Claremont twice,	4 00
Wm. W. Balloch, " " 4 times,	6 00
M. M. Howard, painting blinds for lockup,	75
Wm. H. Childs, school supplies,	51 56
Chas. D. Nevins, Treas., district repair fund,	100 00
E. A. Churchill, expense and time to Newport,	2 50
Wm. W. Balloch, taking Elihu Russell to County farm,	3 00
Wm. H. Child, school books,	67 25
Norman A. Deming, over tax,	6 20
Selectmen running line between Cornish and Croydon,	8 50
E. B. Hunt, state tax,	985 00
" county tax,	1 281 91
J. S. Enwright, surveying,	4 00
Wm. W. Balloch, bounty on hawks,	3 75
E. A. Churchill, wood for Town house,	2 50
Edwin G. Kenyon, catalogue of library books,	2 00
Geo. L. Deming, " "	2 00
Adam Leet, watering trough,	3 00

B. F. Clark, watering trough,	3 00
J. B. Comings, "	1 50
W. H. Harlow, "	2 00
W. Stuart, "	3 00
W. H. Child, school supplies,	20 99
F. A. Johnson, oiling hearse harnesses,	2 15
Geo. W. Hunt, for Town history,	100 00
Wm. E. Young, watering trough,	3 00
Chas. E. Jackson, "	3 00
E. H. Smith, "	2 00
Geo. E. Hilliard, "	2 00
Wm. E. Deming, "	2 00
Geo. W. Hunt, M. D., reporting births and deaths,	4 25
Geo. W. Hunt, Jr., paint, Record building,	4 08
Harvey S. Read, lumber furnished,	1 54
Justin Smith, overtax, 1894,	1 60
Richmond & Richmond, reporting births and deaths,	2 25
J. W. Pierce, watering trough,	2 00
A. N. Allen, M. D., reporting births and deaths,	50
Brewster & Gay, " "	1 00
G. E. Stevens, " "	50
F. Von Toble, " death,	25
Geo. W. Hunt, Jr., overtax,	7 75
Paul Davidson, copying records,	10 20
" notifying jurors,	5 00
" recording marriages, births and deaths,	7 00
Wm. M. Evarts, wartering trough,	2 00
Selectmen, postage and stationery,	3 00
Edwin J. Burr, overtax,	1 90
Benjamin Ely, "	1 90
Jerome J. Hilliard, "	1 90
Herbert Howe, "	1 90
Josiah Hart, "	38
Earl Westgate, "	1 90
John D. Andrews, "	76
James T. Jackson, "	2 48
Fred Richardson, "	1 55
$ 3 366 37	

DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS.

Samuel Putnam, for sheep killed,	$ 8 00
Charles W. Comings, " "	28 00
Herbert Deming, " "	4 00
Geo. E. Hilliard, " "	6 00
Edwin H. Smith, " "	2 00
Wm. H. Harlow, " "	3 00

Levi W. Harrington, for sheep killed,		3 00
Chas. P. Breck, " "		4 00
Selectmen, examining sheep killed by dogs and hunting dogs,		27 00
	$ 85 00	

Abatement of taxes asked for by Sidney Richardson:

ON BOOK OF 1892.

Daniel Farnsworth place,		$ 4 77
N. K. Spaulding,		36
	$ 5 13	

ON BOOK OF 1893.

Chas. M. Bythrow,		$ 1 63
Chas. French,		8 05
Chas. O. Stearns,		1 63
Robert J. Tasker,		1 63
	$ 12 94	

ON BOOK OF 1894.

Hartley K. Curtis,		$ 1 88
Samuel M. Greene,		2 40
Prosper Simino,		1 60
Charlotte M. Spaulding,		6 40
Joseph A. Spaulding,		1 60
	$ 13 88	

ON BOOK OF 1895.

Charles M. Bythrow,		$ 1 90
Charles Conlin,		1 90
Thomas F. Conlin,		1 90
John B. Howard,		5 13
Henry E. A. Keyes,		1 90
Elias Leavitt,		1 90
James L. Marshall,		1 90
Joseph A. Spaulding,		1 90
Albert E. Thomas,		1 90
Hiram M. Weld,		1 90
	$ 22 23	

FOR CEMETERIES.

Lewis E. Weld, cutting grass, Flat cemetery,		$ 2 00
S. A. Reed, fence material, Trinity Cemetery,		21 64

N. J. Ellis, fencing Ellis cemetery,	6 00
H. D. Hilliard, labor, Edminster cemetery,	5 80
E. O. Day, labor, new cemetery,	4 00
F. G. Hildreth, painting fence, Trinity cemetery,	28 75
Frank L. Johnson, labor and repairs, Beaman cemetery,	54 40
" " " " " " 1895,	6 00
N. N. Huggins, labor on North cemetry,	2 25
Wm. E. Deming, labor on Cornish cemetery,	1 50
$1 32 34	

TOWN OFFICERS' SERVICES.

Samuel M. Greene,	services as supervisor,	$ 5 00
Joseph W. Pierce,	" "	10 00
Joseph S. Chase,	" "	12 00
Alfred S. Sisson,	" "	6 00
Edwin G. Kenyon,	" selectman,	12 75
Wm. H. Sisson,	" auditor,	6 00
Edward O. Day,	" "	6 00
Geo. E. Fairbanks,	" election officer,	2 00
Harvey M. Benway,	" "	2 00
Herbert Deming,	" on school board,	1 75
Wm. H. Child,	" " "	33 80
Rebecca Bartlett,	" " "	26 00
Frank J. Chadbourne,	" " "	21 75
Alfred S. Sisson,	" as truant officer,	5 00
Freeman A. Johnson,	" with hearse,	21 00
Charles D. Nevens,	" as treasurer of school board,	10 00
Paul Davidson,	" town clerk,	30 00
Edmund B. Hunt,	" " treasurer,	30 00
Sidney Richardson,	" " collector,	75 00
E. A. Churchill,	" " selectman,	95 85
F. C. Jackson,	" " "	80 00
Wm. W. Balloch,	" " "	76 85
Geo. W. Hunt, Jr., and Edmund B. Hunt, trustees Foss fund,		10 00
	$ 578 75	

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount received,	$ 8,954 74
$ 8 954 74	

AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN.

For support of schools,	$ 1 325 00

For support of soldiers and dependents,		235 79
" " county paupers,		674 87
" " town "		246 93
" " highways,		2 319 26
" " incidental expenses,		3 366 37
" damage by dogs,		85 00
" sewer on Cornish Flat,		301 80
" cemeteries,		132 34
Abatement of taxes asked for by Sidney Richardson,		
On boook of 1892,		5 13
" 1893,		12 94
" 1894,		13 88
" 1895,		22 23
Town officers services,		578 75
	$ 9 320 29	
Balance against the town,	$ 365 55	

ORDERS OUTSTANDING AGAINST THE TOWN.

1897.			
Feb. 15,	No. 171,	Herbert Deming,	$ 1 75
"	No. 173,	S. W. Bryant,	10 84
"	No. 196,	Edwin H. Smith,	2 00
"	No. 220,	Harvey S. Reed,	1 54
		$ 16 13	

LIABILITIES.

Due on outstanding orders,		$ 16 13
" school district, unexpended balance of school fund,		174 39
" " " literary fund 1895–1896,		270 06
Balance of money appropriated to re-copy records,		34 42
" Highway tax, unexpended,		46 47
	$ 541 47	

ASSETS.

Taxes uncollected for 1893,		$ 1 46
" " 1894,		43 43
" " 1895,		20 07
" " 1896,		1 158 66
Cash in treasurer's hands,		617 63
	$ 1 841 25	
Leaving balance in favor of town,		$ 1 299 78

FOSS AND KIMBALL FUND.

We have expended the interest on the funds as in the past years.

Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1896,		$ 4 28
1897.		
Feb. 15, Received of Hunt Bros., interest on Foss fund,		112 80
	$ 117 08	
Total amount expended,	110 45	
Balance unexpended,	$ 6 63	

Owing to the closing of the Sullivan Savings Institution there has been no receipts from the Kimball fund.

We respectfully recommend the town to raise money as follows:

To defray town charges,	$ 1 000 00
For repairs in and about cemeteries,	100 00
" support of town library,	50 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDGAR A. CHURCHILL,
FRANK C. JACKSON,
WILLIAM W. BALLOCH,
} Selectmen of Cornish.

Report of Highway Agent.

FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAY.

	HRS.	RATE.	
Paid			
Levi R. Dole,	8	12 1-2	1 00
L. Smith,	10	12 1-2	1 25
W. B. Smith,	127	15	19 00
F. H. Williams,	63	15	9 50
F. W. Hurd,	41 3-4	15	5 30
N. J. Ellis, team,	26 3-4	30	8 00
F. Pardy,	22	15	3 30
P. F. Burr, team on road machine,	130	30	39 00
O. P. Burr,	8	12 1-2	1 00
C. S. Nelson,	47 3-4	15	7 15
L. W. Harrington, team,	80 1-2	30	24 15
O. A. Kelley,	50	15	7 50
W. Stuart,	25	15	3 75
F. Pardy, all expense his road,			12 50
E. E. York, team,	20	30	6 00
M. H. Bean, team,	50	22 1-2	11 25
H. L. Hilliard,	64	15	9 60
F. M. Quimby, team,	14	30	4 20
Wm. J. Huggins,	75	15	11 25
A. W. Fairbanks,	8	12 1-2	1 00
Wm. E. Young, team,	40	30	12 00
C. B. Hilliard, team,	65	30	19 50
D. H. Weld, team,	65	30	19 50
H. G. Bugbee,	86 3-4	15	13 00
F. A. Fifield, team,	35	30	10 50
A. P. Thrasher, team,	18	30	5 40
D. Chamberlain,	33	15	5 20
C. B. Hilliard, team on road machine.	20	30	6 00
F. D. Kinsman,	8	15	1 20
M. E. Phelphs, team,	7 1-2	30	2 25
W. F. Terry,	318	15	47 80
C. D. Nevins,	15	15	2 25

C. D Nevins, pass over land,			2 00
M. A. Walker,	10	15	1 50
F. L. Fifield,	29	15	4 35
B. F. Ela,	248 1-2	15	37 25
Geo. E. Bugbee, team,	12 1-2	30	3 75
Wm. O. Goward, "	14 3-4	30	4 45
" pass over land,			1 00
S. M. Sherborne, repairs on plow, etc.,			50
C. T. Huggins, turning water,	37	12 1-2	4 60
James E. Spaulding, team,	27 1-2	30	8 20
C. H. Weld, "	15	30	4 50
F. C. Jackson, "	10	30	3 00
M. B. Lendsay, "	60	30	18 00
H. A. Bythrow,	40	15	6 00
L. C. Peaslee,	10	15	1 50
P. F. Burr, team,	20	30	6 00
Wm. E. Curtis, "	20	30	6 00
S. M. Sherborne, repairs on road machine,			50
N. N. Huggins,	41	15	6 15
C. F. Huggins, team,	10	30	3 00
A. E. Mace, drawing road machine,	445	30	133 50
Frank L. Johnson, team,	30	30	9 00
C. Pardy,	442	15	66 30
Sam Emery,	448	15	67 30
N. C. Penniman, team,	44 1-2	30	13 35
O. A. Kelley,	76 1-2	15	11 50
N. Miller,	90	15	13 50
H. A. Bythrow,	20	15	3 00
F. E. Weld,	27	15	4 05
E. E. York,	20	15	3 00
James A. Spaulding, turning water,			50
H. M. Benway,	727	20	145 40
W. I. Leslie, team,	7	30	2 10
A. M. Dame,	4	12 1-2	50
C. T. Huggins,	20	15	3 00
A. P. Butman,	30	15	4 50
Wm. D. Dow,	60	15	9 00
E. H. Gordon,	114	15	17 10
J. Haddock, road machine edges,			16 50
W. W. Cole, team,	130	30	39 00
" " and road machine,	295	30	88 50
Ford D. Kinsman,	8 1-2	15	1 25
A. Fitch,	16	15	2 40
A. H. Kinsman,	21	15	3 15
L. L. Chapman, moving stone,			1 00
" team,	16	30	4 80
S. A. Tracy, "	13	15	1 95

F. W. Read, care road,			1 00
E. A. Churchill,			3 00
C. F. Pike, care road,			3 00
P. A. Drew,	30	15	4 50
" sharpening pick, etc.,			50
M. L. Walker,	20	15	3 00
C. T. Sturtevant, setting tire road machine,			5 25
C. H. Barton,	18 1-2	15	2 77
Wm. D. Paget, cutting bushes,	36	12 1-2	4 50
A. M. Dame,	30	15	4 50
Geo. L. Deming,	36 1-2	15	5 47
W. I. Leslie,	10	15	1 50
B. S. Cole,	20	15	3 00
Geo. E. Bugbee, cutting bushes,	15	15	2 25
F. H. Williams,	15	15	2 25
F. W. Hurd,	80	15	12 00
L. A. Buswell,	25	15	3 75
L. H. Jackson,	6	15	90
T. Emery,	310	15	46 50
E. E. York,	10	15	1 50
C. S. Lear, team,	42 1-2	30	12 75
F. P. Ellis,	55	15	8 25
B. A. Woods, team,	10	30	3 00
L. H. Jackson,	76 3-4	15	11 50
Geo. F. Lewin, team,	17	30	5 10
Wm. L. Nelson,	17	15	2 55
C. B. Hilliard, team,	126	30	37 80
E. H. Hilliard,	93	15	13 95
Wm. J. Huggins,	96	15	14 40
D. H. Weld, team,	14	30	4 20
A. E. Mace, team,	256	30	76 80
C. S. Nelson,	10	15	1 50
F. E. Weld,	14	15	2 05
H. Deming, care road,			7 42
M. B. Lendsay,	33 3-4	15	5 00
N. C. Penniman, drawing B. planks, etc.,			4 45
B. F. Ela,	215	15	32 25
L. W. Harrington, picking stone, etc.,	34	30	10 22
M. H. Bean, labor and gravel,			5 85
P. Emery, team,	27 3-4	30	8 30
A. E. Mace, team,	27	30	8 10
B. F. Ela,	27	15	4 05
Geo. H. Hilliard, gravel and labor,			1 85
Wm. E. Westgate,	21	15	3 15
C. Pardy,	384	15	57 60
D. D. Bartlett, cutting bushes and labor,			11 30

Wm. E. Deming, turning water, repair bridge,			2 00
Liman Bartlett,	56	15	8 40
L. D. Wood,	59	15	8 86
A. E. Bartlett, team and labor.			14 53
J. Rainsford, care road,			3 00
Alfred Fitch,	10	15	1 50
N. N. Huggins, drawing and putting in sewer pipe,			6 00
F. H. Williams,	81	15	12 15
N. A. Deming,	45	15	6 75
A. J. Hilliard, cutting bushes, and repair bridge,			4 95
Wm. W. Balloch,	27	30	8 10
C. T. Huggins, turning water, etc.,			2 25
A. M. Walker, drawing sewer pipe,			75
D. H. Weld,			50
F. J. Chadbourn,	17 3-4	30	5 30
Wm. B. Hildreth, labor, care of bridge,			10 50
L. L. Chapman,	65	30	19 50
Wm. H. Childs, labor and drawing gravel,			9 72
" drain tile,			12 00
O. A. Kelley,	73	15	11 05
W. W. Cole, team.	185	30	55 50
N. N. Huggins, cutting out ice,			1 95
John White,	7 1-2	12 1-2	90
M. B. Landray, cutting out ice,			2 65
E. O. Day,	5	15	75
F. E. Weld,			50
N. J. Ellis,	55	15	8 25
S. W. Wilder,	12	12 1-2	1 50
E. White,	10	12 1-2	1 25
H. F. Bartlett,	40	08	3 20
E. S. Deming, team,	30	15	4 50
O. A. Kelley,	27	15	4 00
M. H. Bean, care Claremont Hill,			3 30
C. S. Lear, repairs on bridge,			1 00
L. W. Harrington, ice culvert,			1 05
G. P. Williams,			92
H. M. Benway, repair on road machine, spikes, oil, etc.,			5 33
Himan Benway,	30	10	3 00
H. M. Benway,	721	20	144 22
			$ 1 974 67

FOR BREAKING ROADS.

Paid	HRS.	RATE.	
L. Smith,	7	12 1-2	87
L. W. Harrington,	30	12 1-2	3 75
F. A. Dean,	18	12 1-2	2 25
C. S. Lear,	130	12 1-2	16 25
F. W. Hurd,	20	12 1-2	2 50
F. Pardy,	9	12 1-2	1 12
Geo. P. Williams,	3 1-2	12 1-2	45
Geo. L. Deming,	29	12 1.2	3 62
Wm. D. Paget,	36	12 1-2	4 50
E. W. Quimby,	16	12 1-2	2 00
Jos. L. Hilliard,	15	12 1-2	1.87
L. Marcott, discount $2 92,	59	12 1-2	4 45
Geo. E. Bugbee,	16	12 1-2	2 00
M. B. Lendsay,	42	12 1-2	5 25
N. N. Huggins,	30 1-2	12 1-2	3 81
N. C. Penniman,	7 1-2	12 1-2	90
D. H. Weld,	8	12 1-2	1 00
W. W. Cole, snowing bridges, etc.,			2 11
S. A. Tracy, " "			50
B. S. Cole,	16	12 1-2	2 00
H. G. Dean,	29 1-2	25	7 36
P. Emry,	10	12 1-2	1 25
D. D. Bartlett,			50
Geo. L. Deming,	10	20	2 00
C. H. Barton,	8 1-2	12 1-2	1 06
Ed. E. Johnson,	32	12 1-2	3 77
F. W. Hurd,	8	12 1-2	1 00
Wm. E. Westgate,	6	12 1-2	75
F. C. Johnson,			50
L. D. Wood,	9 1-2	12 1-2	1 18
A. E. Bartlett,			81
E. A. Churchill,	19	12 1-2	2 37
E. G. Kenyon, snowing bridges,			90
P. F. Burr,			25
L. W. Harrington,			3 00
Wm. E. Young,			2 75
M. B. Lendsay,			4 00
D. H. Weld,			2 50
E. O. Goward,			2 25
Wm. D. Paget,			40
F. H. Williams,			6 37
H. S. Read,			68
Geo. P. Williams,			50
Geo. H. Ayers,			1 75

J. W. Pierce,		2 00
A. L. Fitch,		1 34
	$ 111 44	

FOR LUMBER, SEWER, PIPES, ETC.

Paid		
F. W. Hurd, plank,		$ 1 00
N. L Jackson, 164 ft , plank,		1 98
M. H. Bean, 130 loads gravel, 5c.,		6 50
C. A. Haven, 5,339 ft. bridge plank, 12c.,		64 07
J. N. Hayward, dynamite freight,		4 40
Wm. E. Deming, 1,782 ft bridge stringers,		11 00
C. A. Haven, 3,735 ft bridge plank,		44 50
R Amsden, sewer pipe,		46 92
W. W. Balloch, 314 ft. lumber,		3 46
A. Richardson, 26 loads gravel,		1 30
F. Richardson, gravel and posts,		2 30
Stone, Pennaman & Payson, dynamite,		4 40
Geo. C. Huggins, freight,		60
Geo. T. Hazen, "		35
	192 78	

FOR SERVICES AND BILLS CONTRACTED BY FORMER AGENTS.

Paid	HRS.	RATE.	
L. Marcott, breaking roads, discount $5 50	140	12 1-2	12 00
F. Pardy, labor, 1895,			2 95
John White, "			1 70
P. A Drew, "			2 50
Franz Leyonborg "			8 80
" breaking roads,			3 62
E Marcott "			3 50
W. W. Cole, as former agent,			33 49
A. Fitch, breaking roads, 1895,			2 28
Geo. W. Hunt, Jr., breaking roads,			3 75
Wm. H. Harlow, money and labor,			6 00
		$ 80 59	

RECAPITULATION.

Paid out		
For labor,		$ 1 974 67
lumber, sewer pipe, etc.,		192 78
breaking roads,		111 44
former agents and old bills,		80 59
	$ 2 359 48	

Received of		
Selectmen, order on Treasurer,		$ 2 319 26
A. H. Nichols, use of road machine, etc.,		30 00
Town Claremont, labor,		4 20
P. Davidson, agent, " Park road,		4 27
S. W. Bryant, old plank		1 00
Geo. E. Hilliard, "		75
Total amount received,	$ 2 359 48	
" paid out,		2 359 48
Amount, highway tax 1896,		$ 2 365 73
" orders drawn,		2 319 26
Balance unexpended,	$ 46 47	

COST OF SEWER

ORDERED PUT IN ON CORNISH FLAT BY THE SELECTMEN ON PETITION OF S. W. BRYANT AND 23 OTHERS.

Paid			
N. C. Penniman, drawing sewer pipe,			$ 32 20
" team,	8	30	2 40
D. H. Weld, "	17 1-2	30	5 25
N. Miller, labor,	50	15	7 50
H. A. Bythrow, "	50	15	7 50
Harvey Rawson, "	35	15	5 10
Geo. L. Hayward, "	25	15	3 60
O. A. Kelley, "	70	15	10 50
C. T. Huggins, "	18	15	2 70
B. F. Ela, "	40	15	6 00
F. H. Sanderson, "	27	15	4 05
E. L. Child, laying pipe,	20	20	4 00
A. P. Butman, labor,	18	15	2 70
R. Amsden, sewer pipe,			177 65
C. T. Sturtevant, grates,			5 75
H. M. Benway,	117	20	23 40
James E. Spaulding, team,	5	30	1 50
		$ 301 80	
Received by order Selectmen on treasury,		$ 301 80	

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. BENWAY, Highway Agent.

Feb. 15, 1897.

Tax Collector's Report.

Collected and paid to Treasurer, taxes,	1891,		$ 1 89
" " "	1892,		15 14
" " "	1893,		15 16
" " "	1894,		28 55
" " "	1895,		1 484 11
" " "	1896,		6 174 70
		$ 7 719 55	
Collected and paid to Treasurer, interest on taxes,	1891,		$ 83
" " " "	1892,		4 14
" " " "	1893,		1 46
" " " "	1894,		4 81
" " " "	1895,		48 16
" " " "	1896,		9 46
		$ 68 86	
Total,			$ 7 788 41

Respectfully submitted,

S. RICHARDSON, Collector.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasurer's hands,	$ 430 49
Of Selectmen:	
Aid to paupers, county,	748 02
" dependent soldiers,	177 04
Railroad tax,	145 55
Savings bank tax,	423 12
Literary fund,	123 90

Bounty on hawks,		3 75
Peddlers' license,		2 00
S. Richardson,		7 20
Received of S. K. Richardson, tax collector,		
Principal tax of 1891,		1 89
Interest " "		83
Principal " 1892,		15 14
Interest " "		4 14
Principal " 1893,		15 16
Interest " "		1 46
Principal " 1894,		28 55
Interest " "		4 82
Principal " 1895,		1 484 11
Interest " "		48 16
Principal " 1896,		6 174 70
Interest " "		9 46
	$ 9 849 49	

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid old orders,		$ 11 00
" new "		9 219 16
" interest,		1 70
	$ 9 231 86	
Balance in treasurer's hands,	$ 617 63	

DOG FUND.

Received of town clerk, dog licenses,		$ 126 19

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid orders drawn for damage by dogs,		$ 85 00
	$ 41 19	

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. HUNT, Treasurer.

Town Clerk's Report.

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT—1896.

CR.

By balance from last year,		$ 7 39
Cash received for 60 licences,		130 18
	$ 143 57	

DR.

To cash paid town treasurer,		$ 126 19
Fees, 20 cts. each on 60 licenses,		12 00
	$ 138 19	
Balance on hand,		$ 5 38

PAUL DAVIDSON, Town Clerk.

Trustees' Report of Cemetery Funds.

Owing to the closing of the Sullivan Savings Institution the account remains the same as per report of 1896, nothing having been received or expended during the year.

EDGAR A. CHURCHILL, Trustee.

Trustees Report—Jacob Foss Legacy.

January 14, 1895, received of Lemuel Martindale, former trustee, the amount of the legacy paid executors of the will of Jacob Foss, late of Charlestown, Mass., deceased.

PRINCIPAL, $2 820 00.

Interest,	$ 169 20	Paid selectmen of Cornish to be appropriated for support of the poor of the town,	$ 112 80
Unexpended balance,	14 89	Paid 1 flag,	16 50
		" "	13 05
		" W. H. Harlow, 1 pole,	36 00
		" personal services,	4 00
		Balance on hand,	1 74
	$ 184 09		$ 184 09

Which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. HUNT, JR., } Trustees.
E. B. HUNT, }

Memorial Day Appropriation.

Balance on hand, February 19, 1896,		$ 12 27
Received of Selectmen,		40 00
	$ 52 27	
Paid		
E. G. Kenyon, music,		$ 16 00
S. H. Tucker, address,		10 00
Journal Co., posters,		1 25
W. H. Sisson, flags and music,		4 01
" hardtack,		2 15
W. J. Coburn, vocal music,		5 00
Town of Plainfield, sermon and band expenses,		4 00
	$42 41	
Balance on hand, February 15, 1897,		$ 9 86

Respectfully Submitted,

S. RICHARDSON, Q. M.
for W. H. Bryant Post, No. 63 G. A R.

Report of the Trustees of the Cornish Free Public Library.

The trustees would respectfully submit the following brief report:

During the year past we have added to the libraries about fifty volumes, including a few of the leading magazines which we have had bound, six numbers in a volume.

We have catalogued the books as required by vote of the town at the last annual meeting.

We have catalogued the libraries separately, but this is not a matter of very much account, as the books will occasionally be changed from one to the other library.

Since the library was organized we have received donations of several volumes from U. L. Comings of Windsor, from W. E. Westgate, Geo. E. Hilliard, P. C. Hardy, and other members of the Hardy family, one volume from Dr. Hunt, also one from Mrs. C. F. Huggins, also a large number of various works issued by the U. S government.

Reference to the book list will show a selection from a wide range of topics. Considerable time and care have been given to make the best possible selection with the means at our disposal, and we trust that they will be reasonably satisfactory to the town.

More ample accommodations for the library will soon be imperative. It is also to be hoped that the town will vote a reasonable sum to pay the librarians, that all the library appropriations may be expended for books. It may not be deemed out of place to say that as in the past the trustees make no charge for personal services. The librarians have heretofore, at considerable sacrifice given their services, which cannot be expected to continue.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

April 15, 1896, in the treasury unexpended,		$ 4 89
" Town order,		59 10
	$ 63 99	
" Fines collected,	2 02	
	$ 66 01	

Books bought and magazines bound,		49 92
Paid P. C. Hardy and E. G. Kenyon, for services as librarians,		13 00
	62 92	
Balance unexpended,	$ 3 09	

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. L. DEMING, } Library
E. G. KENYON, }
GEO. W. HUNT, } Trustees.

Catalogue of Books.

LIBRARY AT E. G. KENYON'S.

Art. Science and Natural History.

NO.	TITLE.	AUTHOR.	NO. P.
2	Natural Law in the Spirit World,	H. Drummond.	285
4	Emerson's Essays,	R. W. Emerson.	270
6	Story of our Continent,	N. S. Shaler.	278
8	Electricity in Daily Life,	C. F. Brackett.	282
11	The New Astronomy,	S. P. Langley.	251
130	Bird Ways,	O. F. Miller.	227
93	Homes Without Hands,	J. G. Wood.	624
	Biography.		
12	Admiral Farragut,	A. T. Mahan.	326
15	Blaine and Logan,	T. W. Knox.	502
16	Life of Grant,	J. S. C. Abbott.	309
21	Famous American Statesmen,	S. K. Bolton.	399
24	" English "	"	460
25	Girls who became Famous,	"	347
23	Kit Carson,	J. S. C. Abbott.	348
27	Samuel Adams,	J. K. Hosmer.	430
29	Daniel Boone,	J. S. C. Abbott.	330
31	Christopher Columbus,	"	345
309	Life and Times of Frederick Douglas,		752

308	Reminiscences of W. S. Hancock,	By his wife.	340
206	Life of Capt. John Smith,	Geo. C. Hill.	286
205	Life of Ethan Allen,	Henry Hall.	207
214	Life of Capt. Kidd,	Abbott.	373
208	Personal Memoirs of P. H. Sheridan, Vol. 1.		500
207	Personal Memoirs of P. H. Sheridan, Vol. 2.		453

Miscellaneous.

278	Girls and Women,	Chester.	228
281	Life on the Mississippi,	Mark Twain.	593
210	Portraits and Principles,	W. C. King.	490
153	The Young Christain Directed,	C. Kimball.	180
135	Scribner's Magazine, 1892, Vol. 1.		792
136	Scribner's Magazine, 1892, Vol. 2.		792
150	Official Register, United States.		
165	Harpers' Magazine, Vol. 1.		
166	" " Vol. 2.		

Fiction.

38	The Hoosier Schoolmaster,	E. Eggleston.	218
39	Robinson Crusoe,	Daniel Defoe.	566
40	Autocrat of the Breakfast Table,	O. W. Holmes.	314
41	Tom Clifton,	Warren Lee Goss.	427
44	Sketch Book,	Irving.	337
46	Opening a Chestnut-burr,	E. P. Roe.	546
53	David Copperfield,	Dickens.	819
57	Tom Brown at Oxford,	Thomas Hughes.	550
58	Ben-Hur,	Lew Wallace.	560
59	Ivanhoe,	Scott.	507
60	Elsie Venner,	Holmes.	487
61	Six Girls,	Fannie Bell Irving.	458
62	Jo's Boys,	Louisa M. Alcott.	365
63	Little Lord Fauntleroy,	Frances H. Burnett.	209
66	A Humble Romance,	M. E. Wilkins.	436
67	Prudence Palfrey,	Thomas B. Aldrich.	311

70	Boy life in the U. S. Navy,	H. H. Clark.	313
71	Two Years Before the Mast,	R. H. Dana.	362
74	Uncle Tom's Cabin,	Harriet B. Stowe.	500
75	Five Little Peppers,	Margaret Sidney.	410
184	A Young Girl's Wooing,	E. P. Roe.	482
177	The Three Scouts,	J. T. Trowbridge.	383
156	The Mills of Tuxbury,	V. F. Townsend.	363
157	One Little Woman,	Annah L. Lear.	421
175	The Red Rover,	Cooper.	300
172	Wing and Wing,	"	295
174	The Pilot,	"	364
173	The Two Admirals,	"	320
176	The Water-Witch,	"	282
179	The Scottish Chiefs,	Porter.	350
224	Friends and Neighbors,	T. S. Arthur.	300
221	Bricks without Straw,	Tourgee.	521
288	That Dreadful Boy,	Kate T. Woods.	316
292	That Queer Girl,	Virginia Townsend.	299
300	The late Mrs. Null,	Stockton.	437
301	Roxy,	Edward Eggleston.	432
279	A New England Man, and other stories,	M. E. Wilkins.	468
296	A Study in Scarlet,	A. Conan Doyle.	232
286	Old Town Folks,	Harriet B. Stowe.	608
304	My Wife and I,	"	474
316	Prairie Scout,		288
80	The Minister's Wooing,	H. B. Stowe.	578
84	Black Beauty,	A. Sewell.	245
85	Adam Bede,	Geo. Elliot.	452
87	Seven Oaks,	J. G. Holland.	463
89	The Scarlet Letter,	N. Hawthorne.	468
91	Six In All,	V. F. Townsend.	447
145	Nicholas Nickleby and Old Curiosity Shop,	Dickens.	694
139	Martin Chuzzlewit and American Notes,	"	633
142	Edwin Drood and Christmas stories,	"	625
143	Barnaby Rudge and Tale of two Cities,	"	632
144	Bleak House and History of England,	"	630
155	The Lost Heiress,	Mrs. Southworth.	502

154	Linda,	Caroline L. Hentz.	276
283	The Vicar's Daughter,	Geo. Macdonald.	375
295	Barriers Burned Away,	E. P. Roe.	472
290	Without a Home,	"	560
298	The Earth Trembled,	"	443
299	Next Door,	Clara L. Burnham.	371
215	Two feet, Four feet, and No feet,	Laura E. Richards.	282

History.

272	My Days and Nights on the Battlefield,	Coffin.	312
270	Montcalm and Wolf, Vol. 1,	Parkman.	513
271	" " " 2,	"	444
311	Conquest of Peru, " 1,	Prescott.	458
266	" " " 2,	"	388
193	Negro Troops in the Rebellion,	G. W. Williams.	341
199	Conquest of Mexico, Vol. 1,	Prescott.	430
198	" " " 2,	"	402
200	" " " 3,	"	411
158	Popular History of Greece,	Yonge.	427
202	The Drummer Boy,	J. T. Trowbridge.	334
203	Prison Escapes and adventures of the late war,		
96	Twenty years in Congress, Vol. 1,	J. G. Blaine,	602
97	Twenty years in Congress, Vol. 2,	"	676
99	Ancient America,	John D. Baldwin.	276
100	New England Folk Lore,	Sam'l A. Drake.	457
101	Old Times in the Colonies,	C. C. Coffin.	453
103	History of France,	Charlotte Yonge.	479
106	Army Life in a Black Regiment,	Higgins.	263
109	Blue Jackets of '76,	W. J. Abbott.	301
111	" " 1812	"	409
315	The World as it Is.		457
112	Fifteen Decisive Battles of the World,	E. S. Creasy.	386
114	History of the United States,	J. C. Ridpath.	765
151	The Great Rebellion, Vol. 1,	J. T. Headly.	506
152	" " " 2,	"	702
318	Russian Campaign,		546

319	History of U. S., Vol. 4,	Bancroft.	462
320	" " " 5,	"	459
321	" " " 6,	"	528
322	" " " 7,	"	435

Poetry.

116	Poems,	H. W. Longfellow.	467
117	Farm Ballads,	Will Carleton.	159
169	Holmes Poems,		394

Travel and Research.

118	Innocents Abroad,	Mark Twain.	651
120	Six Months in the Sandwich Islands,	Bird.	318
123	In Scripture Lands,	E. L. Wilson.	367
125	Jonathan and his Continent.	Max O'Riel.	313
126	The New Eldorado,	M. M. Ballou.	352
128	My Arctic Journal,	Mrs. Perry.	240
138	1000 Miles up the Nile,	A. B. Edwards.	445
186	Works of Geo. Barrow,		340
313	Wild Life in Oregon,	Gustavus Hines.	437
314	Romance of Travel,	Old Taunton.	299
317	Tour of Germany,		469

Farm and Household.

32	Practical Floriculture,	Peter Henderson.	321
34	Success with Small Fruits,	E. P. Roe.	381
36	Poultry Culture,	I. K. Felch.	438

LIBRARY AT P. C. HARDY'S.

Art, Science and Natural History.

NO.	TITLE.	AUTHOR.	NO. P.
1	Littls Folks in Feathers and Furs,	O. T. Miller.	357
3	Little People,	H. Drummond.	285
5	Geological Story Briefly Told,	J. G. Dana.	255
7	Up and Down the Brooks,	Mary E. Danford.	220

9	Natural History,	J. S. Wood.	590
10	According to Reason,	W. S. Dana.	149
211	Story of the Earth and Man,	J. W. Dawson.	411
222	The Great Ice Age,	Geikie.	340

Biography.

13	Grant's Memoirs, Vol. 1,		584
14	" " " 2,		632
17	Poor Boys who became Famous,	S. K. Bolton.	267
18	David Crockett,	J. S. C. Abbott.	350
19	Wellington,	Geo. Hooper.	254
20	Famous American Authors,	S. K. Bolton.	430
22	Franklin's Autobiography,		238
26	Charles George Gordon,	Wm. S. Butler.	254
137	Log Cabin to White House,	Wm. M. Thayer.	483
28	Webster,	J. K. Hosmer.	362
30	Geo. Washington,	J. S. C. Abbott.	360
204	Gen. Lee,	Fitz Hugh Lee.	424
209	Life of Putnam,		270
212	" Gen. Jackson,	Jos. Parton.	332
212	" Lafayette,		380
239	" J. H. W. Hawkins,		433
240	" John Brown,		407
241	" Gen. Fremont,	C. W. Upham.	455
242	" Rev. Samuel Haynes,	T. M. Cooley.	345
247	" Lafayette,	Robert Walus.	441
248	" Rev. A. B. Earle,		384
310	" Gen. Thomas,	Van Horn.	485

Farm and Household.

33	Gardening For Profit,	P. Henderson.	321
35	Dairyman's Manual,	Henry Stewart.	472
37	How the Farm Pays,		379

Fiction.

42	Little Women,	Louisa M. Alcott	532
45	Honor Bright,	Chas. R. Talbot.	404
43	The Gates Ajar,	E. S. Phelps.	248
47	Ramona,	H. H. Jackson.	490

48	The Pioneers,	Cooper.	508
49	Last of the Mohicans,	"	444
50	Deerslayer,	"	608
51	The Prairie,	"	483
52	" Pathfinder,	"	512
54	" Green Mountain Boys,	D. P. Thompson.	360
55	" Gay Worthys,	Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney.	556
56	Hypatia,	Charles Kingsley.	359
64	A New England Boyhood,	E. E. Hale.	267
65	Jed,	Wm. L. Goss.	404
68	Standish of Standish,	J. G. Austin.	422
69	But yet a Woman,	A. S. Hardy.	324
72	Neighbor Jackwood,	J. T. Trowbridge.	415
73	Tom Brown's School Days,	Thos. Hughes.	269
76	Phil and his friends,	J. T. Trowbridge.	235
77	A New England Girlhood,	Lucy Larcom.	270
78	Little Men,	Louisa M. Alcott.	376
79	John Halifax, Gentleman,	A. Hopkins.	485
81	Deep Haven,	O. S. Jewett.	255
82	The Colonel's Daughter,	Chas. King.	440
83	An Old Town by the Sea,	T. B. Aldrich.	123
86	Between the Lines,	Chas. King.	312
88	The Rise of Silas Lapham,	W. D. Howells.	515
90	Getting On in the World,	Wm. Matthews.	351
92	Winning His Way,	C. C. Coffin.	208
140	Pickwick Papers,	Dickens.	633
141	Domby and Son,	"	640
146	Mutual Friends,	"	644
147	David Copperfield,	"	637
148	Little Dorritt,	"	627
170	End of the World,	E. Eggleston.	299
171	Jungle Book,	Rudyard Kipling.	303
178	Hereward Wake,	Chas. Kingsley.	397
180	Hot Ploughshares,	E. Tourgee.	610
181	Trilby,	T. B. Maurier.	464
182	The Black Arrow,	R. L. Stevenson.	331
183	Westward Ho,	Chas. Kingsley.	634
185	The Wrecker,	R. L. Stevenson.	552
217	Reveries of a Bachelor,	Ike. Marvel.	
220	Jane Eyre,	Charlotte Bronte.	
223	Gaut Gurley,	D. P. Thompson.	360
218	Dream Life,	Ike. Marvel.	
227	Children of the Abbey,	R. M. Rouche.	629

228	Schonberg Cotta Family,		552
229	The Rangers or the Tories' Daughter,	D. P. Thompson.	328
232	Cross and Crown,	McIntosh.	484
233	Dred, vol. I,	H. B. Stowe.	324
234	" vol. II,	"	370
235	Amy Lee,		375
236	Ruth's Sacrifice,	E. C. Pearsons.	259
284	The Heart of Life,	Mulock.	397
285	" Little Minister,	J. Barrie.	329
287	Ten Old Maids,	J. P. Smith.	406
289	When a Man is Single,	J. Barrie.	303
291	Robert Elsmere,	Mary Ward.	680
293	Treasure Island,	R. L. Stevenson.	298
294	We and Our Neighbors,	H. B. Stowe.	480
297	He Fell in Love with His Wife,	E. P. Rowe.	233
302	Emanuel,	Cooley.	576
303	A Window in Thrums,	J. Barrie.	217
305	Marion's Faith,	King.	446
306	Les Misérables,	Victor Hugo.	268

History.

94	History of the Civil War.	G. B. Herbert.	552
95	Ten Years in Congress,	Mary Clement.	608
98	Recollections of a Private,	W. L. Goss.	354
102	History of England,	Charlotte Yonge.	397
104	" Rome,	" "	443
105	" Germany,	" "	479
107	Boys of '76,	C. C. Coffin.	398
108	War with Mexico,	H. Ladd.	322
110	Blue Jackets of '61,	W. J. Abbott.	318
113	Drum Beat of the Nation,	C. C. Coffin.	464
188	The Story of Norway,	H. H. Boyeson.	256
189	" " Ireland,	E. Lawless.	433
190	" " Switzerland,	R. Stead.	430
191	" Making of the Great West,	S. A. Drake.	339
192	Short History of the English People,	J. R. Greene.	872
201	Story of the Great March.	Gen. Nichols.	456

225	Building the Nation,	C. C. Coffin.	406
243	Geographical View of the World,	J. Goldsmith.	406
244	History of the World,	S. Mander.	680
245	Illustrated History of the World,	J. Mullie.	1360
246	History of the Jews,	W. Jencks.	400
267	History of our Own Time, v 1,	J. McCarthy.	644
268	" " " v 2,	"	846
269	Boston Tea Party,	H. C. Watson.	222
273	Memoirs of Gen. Sherman, v 1,		455
274	" " " v 2,		575

Poetry.

115	Whittier's Poems,		473
219	Lowell's "		
307	City Ballads,	Will Carlton	180

Travel and Research.

119	The White Hills,	S.King.	403
121	Tent Life in Siberia.	G. Kenan.	425
122	Boots and Saddles,	Mrs. E. Custer.	270
124	Ice Zones,	J. E. Nourse.	610
127	Around the Globe,	S. H. McCollester.	347
129	Modern Seven Wonders of the World,	C. Kent.	384
131	Among the Isles of Shoals,	C. Thaxter.	184
132	Over the Ocean,	Curtis Guild.	550
187	Home and Abroad,	Bayard Taylor.	500
194	Our New Way Around the World,	C. C. Coffin.	508
195	Glimpses of Three Coasts,	H. H. Jackson.	418
196	Across the Plains,	L. Stevenson.	317
197	Around the World in the Yacht Sunbeam,	A. Brassey.	368
218	Dreamland,	Ike Marvel.	
225	Travels in Greece and Turkey,	Dr. Olin.	322
275	Tropical Africa,	H. Dummond.	278
276	Life in the Rocky Mountains,	Miss Bird.	296

Miscellaneous.

133	Scribner's Magazine, 1893, v 1,	824
133	" " v 2,	792

149	Official Register of the U. S.,		
216	The Century Book,	E. S. Richards.	249
230	Cosmopolitan Magazine, v 1,		724
231	St. Nicholas "		
239	Literary Leader,	A. Hall.	208
238	Protestantism in Italy,	R. Baird.	418
249	Hannah Lee,		210
250	Letters to a Baptist Minister,		
251	Historical Reader,		
252	Ayer's Almanac, 1889, bound,		
253	Hilliard's Reader,		274
254	Infidelity,		156
255	Bible Thoughts,		
256	Bee Keepers Text Book,		140
257	Gem and Casket,		54
258	Who are Happy?		
259	The Ladies' Casket,		
260	" Minstrels,		
261	Harper's Magazine, 6 numbers,		
262	Scribner's " "		
263	Cosmopolitan Magazine, 6 numbers,		
264	Munsey's " "		
265	St. Nicholas " "		
277	Scribner's " v 2,		
279	A New England View,	M. Wilkins.	266
280	Beyond the Gates,	M. S. Phelps.	190
282	Tenting on the Plains,	Mrs. Custer.	722
311	Munsey's Magazine, v 2,		
312	Harper's " "		

Town History.

At the annual town meeting last March I was elected to the position of town historian, with the privilege of selecting five assistants to collect and prepare material for a town history. Circumstances for a time retarded the work; I secured the assistance at last of Wm. H. Child, S. A. Tracy, G. L Deming and Wm. H Sisson.

Met and organized, by choosing W. H Child treasurer and W. H. Sisson clerk. A good deal of preliminary work has been done and plans for the future formulated All but two, and part of another, of the cemeteries in town have been visited, and the names and date of death and age and inscriptions found upon the tombstones copied and tabulated Printed family record blanks have been prepared, and have, or will, soon be placed in the hands of every family in town. It is the intention to procure as complete a genealogy of all the former, as well as the present families in town as possible. It is earnestly desired that all who have these record blanks, carefully and completely fill them out, and forward them to some member of the committee as soon as possible. This will be the slowest and most difficult part of the work, and all must help, as it will require a great amount of perseverance and work W. H. Sisson will look up all material relating to the soldiers, and the wars they were engaged in.

The town, at the annual town meeting in the year 1872, voted fifty dollars for this work This sum not being used then, it was at the last annual town meeting appropriated for the purpose of collecting material for a town history, and fifty dollars in addition raised for the above purpose.

Of this sum of $100.00, $69.23 has been expended for blanks, blank books, supplies and work performed by the committee, leaving on hand $30.77.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. HUNT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the School District in the town of Cornish qualified to vote in District affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said District on the 9th day of March, 1897, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To choose two Auditors for the ensuing year.

6. To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise for the support of schools in addition to the tax required by law.

7. To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise for permanent repairs on School houses, including furniture and apparatus.

8. To hear reports of Officers, Auditors or Committees hereto chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

9. To choose Agents and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

Given under our hands at said Cornish this 13th day of February, 1897.

WILLIAM H. CHILD,
F. J CHADBOURNE,
REBECCA BARTLETT, } School Board of Cornish.

A true copy of Warrant.

WILLIAM H. CHILD,
F. J. CHADBOURNE,
REBECCA BARTLETT, } School Board of Cornish.

Report of School Board.

By a recent act of the legislature the School year ends August 1st of each year, and a yearly report is then made to the Superintendent of Public Instruction on all matters called for by him. But as the funds for schools are raised, and the terms of school officers expire and their successors still chosen in March, it is needful that a report be rendered to the district at this time regarding its schools during such financial and official year.

We have had 23 terms of school, aggregating 236 weeks Fourteen different teachers have been employed—four male and ten female. Eleven different houses have been used, and the board have provided every scholar in the district with 20 weeks of school, with a surplus of 36 weeks which have been added to divisions where, according to the best judgment of the school board, they were most needed

The whole number of scholars reported by officers—boys 85, girls 75, total 160. Appended is the statistical table, also the roll of perfect attendance

The change of geographies contemplated last year, has been effected, and the Rand-McNally series adopted, much to the satisfaction of teachers and scholars. The other text books remain unchanged The permanent improvements of school houses have been about equivalent to their depreciation resulting from their use.

The schools have not all been what was desired, while on the other hand, most of them have been eminently successful. Altogether the year's work has been a profitable one We need, however, more of the all-around teachers; those whose will is law; whose magnetic powers attract instead of repel; whose tact to elucidate and interest is largely developed, and who love their work. Such teachers are generally born thus endowed; and unless so born can never be assured of success. These latter may succeed in some schools, but in others make a failure, especially in schools where parents fail to cooperate with them.

Unanimity of effort by parents, scholars and teachers always results in having a model school; whereas indifference on their part always impairs its usefulness, or renders it of little or no value. Therefore

the board earnestly urge the co-operation of parents with the teachers in all the instructions and discipline of the school, inciting their children to studious habit, and checking in them all things tending to insubordination.

During the ten years that the chairman has served in behalf of schools, his ruling motive, as well as that of his associates, has ever been to elevate the schools and render them what they should be in every respect—pleasant retreats, richly abounding in mental and moral excellence. How far this end has been attained is left for you to judge, and it is becoming us to say that our ideals have been realized only in part in the noble work in which we have been engaged.

A mutual confidence, coupled with the kindest feelings has ever existed between superintendent and the 68 different teachers employed No one has been dismissed from service, even though in some rare cases it might have been better to have done so, but they have been sustained and encouraged, rather than otherwise The desire prevails that the kind mantle of charity be thrown over all mistakes that they "may in forgetfulness lie"

We would return thanks to the district for all the honors conferred, for the appreciation evinced, and for the kindness and courtesy received.

WILLIAM H. CHILD,
F. J CHADBOURNE,
REBECCA BARTLETT, } School Board of Cornish.

SCHOOL DIVISIONS.	TEACHERS.	Weeks	Wages per month.	No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	Visits of School Board.	No. in Reading.	No. in Spelling.	No. in Penmanship.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in Grammar	No. in History.	No. in Algebra.	No. in Book-keeping.	No. in Physiology.	Visitors.
1	Gratia S. Chadbourne	10	20	13	12	2	13	13	13	13	12	2	1				18
	Amy L. French	12	20	12	9	2	12	12	12	9	9		4			12	10
2																	
3	Sybil L. Deming	10	24	21	19	2	21	21	20	19	15	4	12	1			20
	Sybil L. Deming	9	24	19	18	2	19	19	16	16	14	3	12				19
	Sybil L. Deming	11	24	20	16	2	20	20	20	11	16	3	3			9	14
4	Herbert Wood	10	20	9	6	2	7	7	7	6	6		5				9
	Herbert Wood	10	20	10	8	2	10	9	9	9	8	1	6				4
5	Rosamond Jordan	10	18	5	5	2	5	5	5	5	3	1					22
	Ellen N. Tracy	10	20	7	6	2	7	7	7	7	6	1		1			1
6	A. B. Chadbourne	10	32	39	37	2	38	38	35	30	25	14	14	2		2	25
	A. B. Chadbourne	8	36	35	32	2	35	35	30	24	24	8	11		3	2	11
	A. B Chadbourne	10	36	40	34	2	4	10	34	30	29	15	14		3	2	20
7	Mary Goward	10	20	9	9	2	9	9	9	8	8	4	8			9	9
	Jennie L. Goward	12	20	9	9	2	9	9	9	8	8	4	8			8	16
8	Rosetta A. R. Barton	10	24	15	14	2	15	15	15	15	12	6	15	3		13	10
	Elmer Bartlett and Elmer York	12	24	13	12	4	13	13	3	11	10	1	7				13
9	Rosetta A. R. Barton	10	20	13	10	2	13	13	11	10	11	8	1	1	1		17
	Rosetta A. R. Barton	10	20	14	13	2	14	14	10	13	14	8			1	10	29
10	Lena S. Cole	10	20	14	13	2	13	13	11	11	10	7	7	1		13	2
	Lena S. Cole	12	20	15	12	2	15	15	15	13	12	5	6				13
11	Elmer Bartlett	10	24	22	18	2	22	22	19	18	14	3	10			22	10
	Effie Rowell	12	20	19	14	2	19	19	19	15	15	7	9			15	22
12	Lena S. Cole	8	20	8	8	2	8	8	8	8	8	3	6			2	19
13																	

Roll of Perfect Attendance.

DIVISION NO. 1.

TWO TERMS.

Nettie Putnam

ONE TERM.

Fred Davis	John Putnam	Abbie W. Putnam
Daphne Chadbourne	Mabel White	Justin G. White

DIVISION NO. 3.

THREE TERMS.

Madge Daniels

TWO TERMS.

Nettie E. Thrasher	Albert Ghiorzi	Charlie H. Hill
Kimball Daniels	Lee Ruggles	Deane Ruggles

ONE TERM.

Susie Hill	Mabel Nelson	Effie Williams
Bert Hill	Eugene Nelson	Bertie Nelson
Blanche L. Daniels	Lewis Spaulding	

DIVISION NO. 4.

TWO TERMS.

Bernice A. Fitch

ONE TERM.

Willie H. Pardy	James B. Fitch	Frank E. Jones

DIVISION NO. 5.

TWO TERMS.

Darwin B. Johnson	Charles W. Johnson	Harlan W. Reed

DIVISION NO. 6.

THREE TERMS.

Ella Butman	Gladys Johnson	Mary Huggins
Chester Fitch	Maurice Fitch	Bertie Huggins

TWO TERMS.

Nellie Butman	Myrtie Miller	Frank Miller
Willie Miller	Austin Huggins	Herbert Curtis
	Albert Clark	

ONE TERM.

Aurilla Hurd
Guy Hackett
Winnie Hackett
Mertie Burr
Harold Davidson
Grace Newton
Ella Burr
Harry Ryan
Iva Mitchell

DIVISION NO. 7.

TWO TERMS.

Emma L. Nelson
Eva L. Nelson
Nettie M. Nelson
Leroy H. Harlow
Grover H. Walker

ONE TERM.

Nellie M. Nelson
Zelia D. Walker
Elbert R. Harrington

DIVISION NO. 8.

Perley L. Barton
Ruth E. Chase
Sadie E. Chase
Ernest L. Fifield

DIVISION NO. 9;

TWO TERMS.

Perley L. Barton
Herbert I. Deming

ONE TERM.

Charlie S. Richardson
Ivan J. Smith
Clyde L. Deming
Lulu M. Chase

DIVISION NO. 10.

TWO TERMS.

Stella E. Walker
Gertie M. Spencer
Charlotte I. Smith

ONE TERM.

Irl V. Young
George A. Young
Angie M. Bean
Bernice O. Young

DIVISION NO. 11.

Ethel H. Pardy
Claude H. Deming
Clyde L. Deming
Charlie S. Richardson

DIVISION NO. 12.

Angie M. Bean
Gertie M. Spencer
Stella E. Walker
Alfred E. Bean
Noel J. Huggins

School District Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

J. T. Jackson, former treasurer,		$ 12 77
Claremont district, tuition,		28 00
Town treasurer, balance of dog fund,		69 60
Plainfield district, tuition,		60 00
Selectmen, orders on town treasurer,		1 325 00
	$ 1 495 37	

DISBUSEMENTS.

Teachers services, summer,		$ 505 00
" " fall,		516 00
" " winter,		216 00
Janitors "		17 00
Conveyance of scholars,		31 52
Wood,		87 60
	$ 1 373 12	
Balance in hand of Treasurer,		$ 122 25

ASSETS.

Due from town,		$ 174 39
Balance in Treasury,		122 25
Due on Literary funds, 1895-1896,		270 06
	$ 566 70	

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders for winter teachers,	$ 102 00
Balance in favor of district,	$ 464 70

REPAIR FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

J. T. Jackson, former treasurer,		$ 18 52
Selectmen, order on town treasurer,		100 00
	$ 118 52	

DISBUSEMENTS.

Current repairs and furnishings in the several divisions.	44 79	
Balance in hand of Treasurer,	$ 73 73	

Respectfully Submitted.

CHARLES D. NEVENS, Treasurer of District.

Auditor's Certificate.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Highway Agent, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Trustees of Foss and Kimball Funds, Trustees of Cemetery Fund, Trustees of Public Library, Memorial Day Fund, Town Historian and School District Treasurer reports, and find all the accounts properly cast and all properly vouched except the Trustees of the Public Library, and from the books this account appears correct, but the vouchers in their account were not furnished.

EDWARD O. DAY,
WM. H. SISSON, } Auditors.

I hereby certify that the following returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths, are correct, according to my best knowledge and belief.

PAUL DAVIDSON, Town Clerk.

VITAL STATISTICS.

In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed June Session, 1887, requiring "Clerks of Towns and Cities to furnish a transcript of the record of Births, Marriages and Deaths, to the municipal officers, for publication in the Annual Report," we submit the following:

Births Registered in the Town of Cornish, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31st, 1896.

Date—1896.	Name of the Child, (if any.)	Sex and Condition. Male Female	Living or Stillborn	No. of child, 1st, 2d, etc.	Color	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parent.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace and age of Father.	Birthplace and age of Mother.
Feb. 3	Mary R.	F	Living	1	White	Fred L. Fifield	Ella C. Thayer	White	Cornish	Farmer	Plainfield 34	Brooklyn, N. Y 27
Feb. 16	Reginald P.	M		2		Paul Davidson	Hattie M. Hall				Cornish 37	Cornish 35
April 3		M		4		Martin H Bean	Mary L. Streeter			Farmer	Plainfield 33	Lisbon 34
April 3		F		4		Fred W. Hurd	Florence M. Kenyon			Farmer	Croydon 25	Cornish 24
June 8		F		5		Harvey M. Benway	Isabelle I. Mellen			Farmer	Plainfield 43	Sunapee 30
June 9		M		5		Edmund B. Hunt	Maude Soule			Clerk	Cornish 32	Hong Kong, C 29
July 14		F		3		Perry F. Burr	Abbie R. Hebard			Farmer	Cornish 24	Cornish 25
July 18		M		1		Charles Haven	Minnie Brown			Sawmill		26
Aug. 2	Ruth L.	F		1		Arthur M Walker	Lulu F. Bixby			Farmer	Cornish 22	Jericho, Vt 18
Aug. 17	Hattie E.	F		1		William D. Dow	Nora Crosby			Farmer	Cornish	Croydon 27
Aug. 24		F		6		Charles M Bythrow	Lucy M. Nash			Painter	Lebanon 34	Plainfield 31
Aug. 31		F		2		George R. Kenyon	Hattie E. Manser			Farmer	Cornish	E.Beckman,N.Y 29
Sept. 2		M		1		William E. Curtis	Vinnie E. Jordan			Farmer	Windsor, Vt 28	Cornish 26
Sept. 2	Ethel	F		3		Herbert G. Dean	Allie C. Sanderson			Farmer	Bethel, Vt 34	Plainfield 24
Sept. 4		F		3		Webster Pratt	Agnes D nald			Laborer	Westport 27	Jersey City,N. J 30
Sept. 6		M		3		Herbert I. Leslee	Ellen M. Nelson			Farmer	Cornish	Bridgewater,Vt 20
Oct. 13	Ubel	M		9		Oliver Fecteaux	Zoe Cariere			Laborer	Canada 37	Canada 32
Oct. 15		M		3		Frank Sherwin	Bertha Jones			Laborer	Hartland, Vt 32	Hartland, Vt 26
Nov. 1	Raymond	M		5		Joseph Dolan	Louisa Chamberlain			Laborer	Montreal, P.Q. 36	Plattsburg,N.Y 29
Nov. 23		M		3		Edward Marcott	Kate Quigley			Farmer	Hartland, Vt 29	Windsor, Vt 26
Dec. 30	Ada A.	F		1		Daniel H. Weld	Lizzie M. Sturtevant			Farmer	Cornish 32	Hartland, Vt 18

Marriages Registered in the Town of Cornish for the Year Ending December 31, 1896.

Date 1896		Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age, yrs	Color.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Name of Parents.	Sing. or Wid., 1st or 2d marriage.	Name, Residence and official station of person by whom married.
May	24	Claremont	A. Willett	Cornish	66	White	Laborer	Canada	Frances Willett	W 2nd	Joseph A. Ticknor. Clergyman, Claremont
			Caroline Norton	Claremont	65		Boarding House			W 2nd	
June	2	Meriden	Charles F. Stone	Cornish	44		Farmer	Cornish	Hiram H. Stone Lydia Butman	S 1st	O. W. Kimball, Clergyman, Meriden
			Lenna C. Nickels	"	30			Essex, Vt		D 2nd	
June	16	Merrimac, Mass	Erwin W. Quimby	"	32		Farmer	Unity	Wilbur B. Quimby Lucinda M. Marshall	S 1st	James T. Jackson, Clergyman, Merrimac, Mass.
			Grace B. Kimball	Merrimac, Mass	20		Teacher	Canaan	John E. Kimball Ella A. Hoyt	S 1st	
June	16	"	Ernest P. Quimby	Cornish	27		Shoemaker	Charlestown	Wilbur B. Quimby Lucinda M. Marshall	S 1st	James T. Jackson, Clergyman, Merrimac, Mass.
			Annie E. Harrington	"	25		Teacher	Cornish	Levi W. Harrington Hattie Ayers	S 1st	
Sept.	27	Cornish	Marvin B. Lindsay	"	23		Farmer	Keene	James B. Lindsay Helen Pheanuf	S 1st	Silas H. Tucker, Clergyman, Cornish.
			Nettie B. Churchill	"	28			Cornish	Barker B. Churchill Mary J. Westgate	D 2nd	
Sept.	30	"	Winfield S. Davis	"	35		Farmer	Brasher, N. Y.	Henry W. Davis Henrietta W. Davis	S 1st	S. H. Tucker, Clergyman, Cornish.
			Salome C. Bailey	"	40			Northfield, Vt	Andrew Bailey Hannah Lewis	S 1st	
Oct.	14	"	Clyde A. Rawson	"	26		Wood Turner	Springfield, Vt	Richmond Rawson Cordelia Ladd	S 1st	Chas. E. Gould, Clergyman, Cornish Flat.
			Verlena R. Peirce	"	23			Claremont	Joseph W. Pierce Mary E. Fairbanks	S 1st	
Nov.	25	"	Fred H. Elliott	"	19		Creamery Supt.	Oxford	John F. Elliott Kate V. Hewes	S 1st	Chas. E. Gould, Clergyman, Cornish Flat.
			Lena E. Kempton	"	16			Cornish	Liberty D. Kempton Clara D. Allen	S 1st	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Cornish for the Year Ending December 31, 1896.

Date 1896.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age Y.	M.	D.	Place of Birth.	Color	Single, md. or wid'd.	Occupation	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Disease or Cause of Death	Name and P. O. Address of Physician reporting death.
Jan. 7	Infant		1		Cornish				Elmer E. Degoosh	Minnie B. Keyes	Inanition	D. Richmond, Windsor, Vt
Jan. 28	Erastus O. Cole	66	4	3	Barnard, Vt		M	Farmer	James Cole	Debora Vaughn	Consumption	G. W. Hunt, Cornish Flat
Feb. 9	Laura W. Newton	82	11		Cambridge, Vt		W		Gresham Newton	Martha Gove	Pneumonia	G. W. Hunt, Cornish Flat
Feb. 15	Mary J. Dunklee	69	2	15	Windsor, Vt		W		Charles G. Steele	Wealthy W. Walker	Consumption, Complicat'n	G. W. Hunt, Cornish Flat
March 30	Eleanor B. Frost	45	10	4	Lebanon		M		Wm. Smith		Consumption	D. Richmond, Windsor, Vt
April 5	Infant			2	Cornish				Martin H. Bean	Mary L. Streeter	Premature Birth	A. N. Allen, Claremont
April 11	Jane L. Sherburne	64	11	2	Cornish		M		Willard Weld	Alice Luther	Apoplexy	G. W. Hunt, Cornish Flat
May 3	Alva Johnson	23			Cornish	White	S	L. Fireman	Freeman A. Johnson	Jennie L. Johnson	Typhoid Fever	D. Richmond, Windsor Vt
May 9	Sarah A. Bartlett	71	3		Cornish		W		John Fellows	Temperance York	Heart Failure	D. Richmond, Windsor Vt
May 9	Samuel M. Greene	74			Cornish				Samuel Greene		Consumption	F. VonTobel, Lebanon
June 28	Franklin Burbank	80	7	9	Windsor, Vt		W			Sarah Fairbanks	Valvular Heart Disease	G. W. Hunt, Cornish Flat
July 10	Jonath'n J. Lamson	72	11	13	Randolph		M	Carriage Mk	Foster Lamson	Levina Jones	Apoplexy	G. W. Hunt, Cornish Flat
Aug. 24	Infant				Cornish				Chas. M. Bythrow	Lucy M. Nash	Died soon after birth	G. W. Hunt, Cornish Flat
Aug. 30	Mariah J. Burr	1		19	Cornish				Perry F. Burr	Abbie R. Hebard	Congestion of Brain	G. W. Hunt, Cornish Flat
Sept. 5	Infant		1	21	Massachusetts					Mary Sargent	Cholera Infantum	D. Richmond. Windsor, Vt
Sept. 5	Infant			1	Cornish				Wm. E. Curtis	Vinnie Jordan	Non-inflation of Lungs	G. W. Hunt, Cornish Flat
Oct. 18	Infant			3	Cornish				Frank Sherwin	Bertha Jones	Indigestion	G. E. Stevens, Hartland Vt
Oct. 18	Eliza M. Bugbee	71	4	25	Cornish		M		Joseph Richardson	Sylvia Day	Cerebral Hemorrhage	G. W. Hunt, Cornish Flat